

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:	Mark D. Hubbard et al.)	Confirmation 1	No.: 3304
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 7, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows: